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Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

OCTOBER 10, 2005

Rain at Last

There were **5.3 days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 09, 2005. Significant rainfall arrived at weeks' end providing some relief to the dry conditions that have existed since mid-August. Most areas in Delaware received over three inches of rain last week with air temperatures in the mid 70's and 80's. **Corn** for grain harvest was 82 percent complete, 13 percent above last week and well above the five-year average. Harvest progress for soybeans was at 14 percent, 7 percent above the five-year average and 4 percent above last year.

Planting of **barley** increased 28 percent from last week to 45 percent complete. This is well ahead of the five-year average and last year. Planting of **winter wheat** was 12 percent complete, slightly below the five-year average.

Pasture was rated in mostly fair condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	75	59	69	74
Corn for Grain	82	69	83	68
Soybeans	14	8	10	7
Planting Progress:				
Barley	45	17	37	33
Winter Wheat	12	2	12	13
Crop Progress:				
Soybean Dropping Leaves	85	76	82	58
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	58	57	78	77
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	10	7	54	53

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	17	62	21
Topsoil (2004)	-	14	78	8
Five Year Average	1	12	80	7
Subsoil Moisture	10	33	57	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	5	85	3
Five Year Average	4	13	78	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	6.78	40.86	8.91	79	50	68	9
Easton	4.88	37.02	2.32	80	51	69	7
Frederick	4.71	32.99	2.21	84	50	68	13
Frostburg	2.37	30.61	-6.49	80	48	62	10
Hagerstown	4.21	26.04	-4.02	81	51	68	10
Mechanicsville	2.89	32.45	-2.99	77	48	67	8
Patuxent River	2.63	32.92	-0.36	81	56	72	11
Ocean City	2.38	33.84	-1.69	80	52	72	11
Salisbury	5.82	39.68	3.61	85	44	70	9
Sharpsburg	4.84	30.65	-0.13	83	49	68	12
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	7.34	36.65	6.38	82	56	72	9
Delaware							
Dover	3.65	39.08	3.85	77	52	69	7
Georgetown	4.73	35.41	0.63	83	50	70	11
Wilmington	3.45	29.53	-2.56	80	50	69	10

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.